

July 26. 1919.

My dear Mr. Banks: Inclosed please find my vouchers for June and July. What action did the Board take in regard to the recommendation of Alaska Presbytery concerning the \$200, the long letters that I wrote &c. ? If there has been no action taken in compliance ^{with} the said recommendation, will you kindly please advance me at once \$500.00 with which to complete the new home I am building at this place before the bad weather comes again. This new home is now half finished and I am using nearly all the material in our former home in Saxman. But I need the \$500.00 for a cooking stove, some bricks, paints, bathroom outfits, &c. I want it as soon as it can be authorized and before the middle of August.

We are doing a very good and busy work here in the Church and we are very happy in this work. Trusting that I may hear from you soon. I am
Yours in the Master's work,
Edward Marsden

Mr. Banks

August 8, 1919.

Rev. Edward Marsden
Metlakatla
Alaska

Dear Mr. Marsden:-

Replying to your letter of the 26th ult. No definite action has been taken by the Executive Council and, therefore, the request has not been submitted to the Board concerning the request of the Presbytery of Alaska, that the \$200 charged against your account (as the remainder of the \$500 which you pledged toward your salary) be refunded to you, for the reason that in view of the visit of Dr. Marquis to Alaska it was thought best to have him confer with you personally as the Doctor expects to stop at Metlakatla either on his way up or on the way back.

The Finance Committee of our Board two or three years ago directed that the Treasurer make no substantial advances or loans to any missionary without first submitting the matter to the Committee and receiving their approval, and at the same time instructed the Treasurer to present such cases as seem to be of a special emergency kind which could not be avoided.

Now in building your home you were aware that it would take a certain amount of money, and knowing your resources, did you not anticipate that you would have sufficient funds with which to meet the contemplated cost, or has an exigency arose by which you have been unexpectedly placed in a position by which you will need a loan. I ask this question as it seems rather strange that at this late date, and practically at a moment's notice, that you ask the Board to advance you the considerable sum of \$500 on your salary.

We are compelled to borrow money during the first six months of the fiscal year and we very likely will reach the same situation as last year, viz: that the same which we are limited to will be reached so that we will need all the funds that we can obtain in addition to these loans with which to meet the current expenses of the work. If your request was the only one that had been received by the Board it would be a very simple matter to in some way comply with your request in part at least, but we are continually receiving appeals for advances and loans and, therefore, to protect all those who depend upon the Board for the prompt payment of their salary, we must avoid, excepting in the most urgent cases, loaning the Board's money, or paying considerable portions of salaries in advance. I trust, therefore, that you can arrange in some way to secure the money you need, but I will say this, that if by the first week in September you find it impossible to secure help from other centers, then I would suggest that you send a line to me giving me the facts, stating why you awaited this late day to ask for the advance and I will present the matter to the Finance Committee at its next meeting which will be held September 24th. I will be unable to secure decision from the Committee before that time.

I enclose check for your July and August salary.

Very sincerely yours,

MAY 10 1921

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
STATED CLERK

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 29, 1921.

Dr. Britton
Rev. J.A. Marquis, D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Your letter of April 15th is at hand. I am glad that you can assure me of your own agreement with the men on the field in the Metlakatla contention.

I have communicated with Marsden as suggested and enclose copies of letters indicating my communication to him and also the development of the Episcopal interests. It looks very much as if the trustees were working at cross purposes.

Two things seem to stand out in the situation as our interests are concerned.

In the first place we must stand by Marsden and see to it that he is not deprived of his support.

And secondly, it is of the utmost importance that our Presbyterian Church have its own place of worship. The old building is rotting down, is inconvenient, hard to heat, and too large. It will be a bone of contention as long as it stands. The way out for our own people is to have a church of their own. They can and will do something toward a building--more perhaps along the line of labor and material but they are not able, and especially now in this hard season for the natives, to do much in a money way.

*noted
10 p.m.
Bathman*
While at Metlakatla last it was suggested to me that a beginning might be made in erecting a hall like structure which could be enlarged in the future. For my own part I would like to see a church built adequate to the present need. I believe that the people can be relied upon to subscribe \$1,000 in material and labor and money. It will take at least \$5,000 to erect a suitable plain church building. Could we count on a grant of \$4,000 to make this church building possible. If I had that amount at my disposal I believe that in so far as our people are concerned the controversy would end. It would wonderfully strengthen the Presbyterian work, and in addition I could control the style of the building which is an important thing.

Such a provision would make possible a native work in Alaska which will be unique and inspiring, for these Metlakatla people have in them the makings of a very useful native church organization.

In so far as the Methodists are concerned there is nothing for them at Metlakatla. They have no following there and can have none.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

May 12, 1921.

METLAKATLA, ALASKA

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Jameau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

Yours of recent date, addressed to Dr. Marquis, in which you mention the matter of a building at Metlakatla, has been referred to me. I have to advise you that we will put this matter before the Board of Church Election and see what can be done relative thereto. I am submitting to that Board today a list of proposed buildings for the coming year in which this item is included.

At the time of my last writing to you relative to Wrangell, I failed to enclose a request from the Board of Church Election for a photograph of the building. I enclose the same and when possible please send the photograph in duplicate in order that I may have one for my files.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WRP:MEL.

Enc,

I check morning and evening in Worcester, Sunday July 10.

The White House Hotel,
~~Metlakatla~~ Bellingham, Wash.
July 6. 1921.

My dear Dr. Cudde. When you mentioned to me about taking the church building matter up with the Board of Church Erection, I felt that after all our storms in Alaska, Providence will be kind to us and that we shall be under shelter. I appreciate very much all what you have done to us, and I wish to repeat again that it will be the joy of our life if we can erect a plain and yet useful house of worship for our growing church organization at Metlakatla. I shall do my very best while I am down here to further the cause of Christ and of the Church in all Alaska and not make any offense to any one by any too personal appeals that are tempting. Since Mr. Lopp is shipping a lot of things on the "Victoria" and may be some teachers would go on the boat, it may be well for you to give him a brief call before you go north. We want to worship in the school house at Metlakatla till we build this coming fall. I am meeting very many old friends in these gatherings. Our girls, especially Marietta, are doing very well.

Yours very sincerely,
Edward Menden

Sadlers
Care Y. M. C. B. Madison St.
Seattle, Wash.



HOTEL FRYE

DAN W. BASS AND P. H. WATT
MANAGERS

SEATTLE'S NEWEST AND LARGEST HOTEL

SEATTLE

July 7, 1921

Dr. W. R. Patterson,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Enclosed is a letter from Edward Marsden, our native pastor at Millakatta, in which he refers to the need for a church building there. Dr. Marquis is fully acquainted with the situation - I am sending this word as a final plea for a grant of \$3,000. to be available this fall when I return from Barrow. With this amount and the labor & other help available on the field I am confident that a suitable building can be provided. I want to have the money under my control so as to prevent the foolish expenditure sometimes characteristic of Indian schemes.



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SEATTLE

Our Presbyterian Church is
leasing the school building at
Metlakatla, but Mr Lopp, the
superintendent of Bureau of Es-
timation work in Alaska, has in-
timated more than once that he
feels that it is unwise to continue
this arrangement longer - While he
does not like to take decided
steps to prevent the further use of
the school building I am confident
he would be compelled to do so should
there be any intimation of dissatisfac-
tion on the part of other denomina-
tional interests. I do not know
of any move on our part which
would more surely establish our
contention than to provide these
worship people with a place of worship.
This they are not able to do for
themselves.

Will you bring this to the attention
of the Board as you may deem best.

Sincerely Yours,

James H. Condit.

July 13, 1921.

NETLAKATLA, ALASKA

Rev. Edward Marsden,
c/o Y. M. C. A.,
Madison Street,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Marsden:

Dr. Giddit has just forwarded to me your letter of July 6th in re: church building for Netlakatla, Alaska. Enclosed you will find application for funds which I trust you will fill out and return at once. I think you should ask for a grant of \$5,000.00 for this work. Please fill out this form, giving all facts and I will complete same by signing at this point.

When writing this please send me a letter concerning the situation at Netlakatla, explaining in particular the use of the school building. This will enable me to make a stronger appeal to the Board of Church Erection.

Very sincerely yours

WHP:MEL.
Enc.

METLAKATLA, ALASKA

July 13, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:

Enclosed find carbon of a letter which I have just sent to Mr. Marsden. I have no doubt that before you return from your trip, this will be in the hands of the Board of Church Erection.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WRP:MEL.

Enc.

Y. M. C. A., Madison St.,
Seattle, Washington.
July 18, 1921.

Rev. W. R. Patterson, D.D.,
Financial Secretary,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Dr. Patterson: I am very thankful to receive your welcome letter of July 13, in regard to our new church building at Metlakatla, Alaska, &c. Very much as I would like to fill out the application blanks almost off-hand and thereby receive quicker action, I find that it will be better and wiser that I go home and consult our official minutes of church organization and meetings and have the regular endorsement of the Committee on Church Election of our Presbytery of Alaska before I send you these blanks. I have been down here on a very brief vacation in connection with our annual meeting of Washington Synod, and also to attend to my eyes, and I am returning to Alaska on the 24th of this month. Just as soon as I reach Metlakatla I will attend to the correct filling out of the blanks and

will send them to you as soon as possible.

This much I can state just now concerning Metlakatla. Ever since our church was founded there on Oct. 18, 1920, by the Presbytery of Alaska, including Dr. Condit, it has been the very salvation of the place. We have not climbed into another brother's sheep fold; we have founded the work for which nearly all the inhabitants of the place craved for. Since November, 1920, through the courtesies of the officers of the Bureau of Education, we have been conducting all our church services, Christian Endeavor meetings and Sabbath School gatherings in the auditorium of the Government School house. After long conferences with the brethren in the Presbytery of Alaska, we are now pleading for a church building. We shall consider it as a special favor of Providence if we can be helped with the erection of a house of worship. In my letter accompanying the correctly filled out blanks, I shall go into the matter in a detailed way. Again thanking you for your letter of July 13, and with many good wishes I am,

Yours in the Master's service

Edward Marsden

Metlakatla,

Alaska

CERTIFICATE OF VALUE

To the Board of Church Erection:-

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Metlakatla, Alaska,

August 5, 1921

I do hereby certify that the lot described as follows:-

Lots No. 265, 266, 267, and 268 comprising one whole block
in the Town of Metlakatla, Alaska, said block being directly
in front of the Old Town Hall,

upon which there is $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{being} \\ \text{to be} \\ \text{now} \end{array} \right\}$ erected a church, is in my opinion worth not less than

\$ 1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars), and I understand

NOTE HERE THE VALUE OF THE LOT

that the church $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{being} \\ \text{to be} \\ \text{now} \end{array} \right\}$ erected thereon $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{is to} \\ \text{has} \end{array} \right\}$ cost \$5,000.00

as per statement of Edward Marsden $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{architect. -} \\ \text{builder.} \end{array} \right\}$

Signed *Ernest Purvance*
Industrial Director, U. S. Bureau of Education

I do hereby certify that the above is the signature of ~~one of the leading~~ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{real estate} \\ \text{banking} \end{array} \right\}$
the Industrial Director, U. S. Bureau of

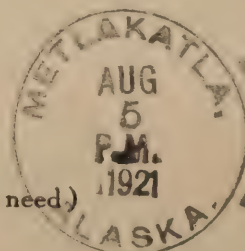
Education in Metlakatla Alaska, and was subscribed

and sworn to before me this 5th day of August 1921

Endorsed by *Davis Tagone*
Chairman of the Church Erection Committee

of the Presbytery of Alaska,

Notary Public.



(Please erase bracketed words which you do not need)

III

Certificate of Value

of

Lot of the

Presbyterian Church
in Metlakatla, Alaska.
August 5, 1921.

Metlakatla, Alaska.

August 6, 1921.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

In connection with our appeal for a grant of Three (3) Thousand Dollars, will you please ^{send} inclosed papers marked as follows:

- I Application.
- II Occupancy of Land.
- III Certificate of Value.
- IV Estimate of Expenditures & Wants.
- V ~~the~~ ^{of our} Off-Road Plans of Church Building.
- VI A Map of Metlakatla, Alaska.
- VII A Chart of Junette Island.
- VIII "Rules and Regulations, &c."

I trust that the officers of the Home and Church Sreeting Boards will not go into hysterics on account of the bulk of our plea for help. As I said before, I could have easily filled out the blanks while in Seattle week before last, and thus hastened the matter, but I felt it to be my duty to ^{be} right and accurate with this plea before I send it to you. All the papers herewith are self-explanatory.

Since the Presbytery of Alaska founded and regularly organized this Presbyterian Church of Metlakatla, in October 18, 1920, we have been and are still, worshiping in the assembly hall of

the Government School House through the courtesy of the U.S. Bureau of Education. We use this hall only on Sundays and also in connection with our Sunday school work. We use the hall and three of the class rooms in the Sunday school work; but all our other work in connection with the prayer meetings, the Wednesday evening service, the Bible classes, the choir practices, Christian Endeavor conferences, and so forth, is done in the private houses. The greater number of these meetings are held in our home. We bear the expense of the heating and lighting system of the school house only on Sundays, and this, together with other things, is sometimes considered burdensome. We cannot heat only a part of the building, and in heating it the two large furnaces in the basement must be both fired. Then again the hall is often used by the school children for athletic sports till late Saturday nights and we always have a good deal of work Sunday mornings to rearrange it and to hunt up our hymn books and musical instruments. ^{And the Government officials have asked us to use the hall till they school opens again the first of next October, 1921.} The old Duncan Church building in Metlakatla is being used to the exclusion of all others by the very few followers and worshipers of Father Duncan. Although the building is declared to be the common property of all the people of Metlakatla by the Department of the Interior, both the Presbytery of Alaska and the members

if our church here feel that it will not be in the interest of the Master's Kingdom for our Presbyterian members to force their way into that old building. The edifice is slowly rotting in its foundations and in its two large towers. All the ^{other} members of our church contributed to its erection nearly thirty-five years ago, and ~~there were~~ many Presbyterian churches in the United States also contributed sums of money for the same. Like the Old Sun Hall that was dismantled and pulled down for other purposes during last June, sooner or later this old Duncan edifice will have to be torn down and its still sound boards used for other public purposes. This is the judgment of this people, and I speak of it to dispel any doubt on this very point.

There are no buildings outside of the Government School House that we can rent in Metlakatla for our church purposes. And even if we find one an ordinary public hall rent of something like fifty dollars a month is a burden that we cannot undertake, to say nothing of the present stringency of the times.

At one time, this was before our meeting of Presbytery at Imnau, last April, 1921, we thought of building a temporary house of worship in the form of an ordinary barn or wood or coal shed, to cost at the largest \$300.00. We were hard up; but we had physical strength and ^{faith and} courage that could never be defeated - not ^{under} any circumstances.

We remembered that in our God-less lives we used to ^{put} many big communal houses out of split boards and bark of cedar trees. I even expressed this sentiment in the meeting of Presbytery. But in a more sober hour we threw the thought away.

The only course, then, was to try to erect a more durable, useful and attractive house of worship. There were discouragements on every hand and the matter seemed to be utterly hopeless. Our people barely made their daily living and nearly all the salmon canneries along this coast were closed down. But to build a house of worship was the subject of their prayers before the throne of grace and mercy. Now it seems as if their prayers would be realized.

There are some reasons why I wish to ask for a grant of three thousand dollars, and more if that can be given. These people are starting out in the right way. They are gradually increasing in numbers. So be sure they are poor. So were many of the pioneer church organizations of the great Northwest ~~now~~ poor. When they started, but they started out aright. For God, Church and Country is a motto written very deep in their converted hearts. So they are starting out aright, and on this account I plead for them.

This is the only organized work in Metlakatla and among the Lilliputian race in Alaska. There is no other organized church in Metlakatla.

This work is what the people crave for and for which they have already made many sacrifices. Were it not for the distressing condition of all lines of business, especially the fishery business, due to the recent war, our members today would be prosperous. But we are poor, and in our poverty we need a house of worship.

I realize that the amount I ask of the Board of Church Extension is larger than one-third of the probable cost of this building. But I have estimated the cost of the whole in the bare needs of a poor struggling people. Then again this is a work that means very much to the Presbyterian Church in all Alaska. Hence the amount I for is small, and I ask for it knowing that the case I plead for is in many ways exceptional and very deserving.

I wish very much to begin the building just as soon as I hear from the Board and I will try to finish the house in time to have it dedicated and used by the 18th of October, 1921. With very many good wishes, I am,

Yours in the Master's work.

Edward Marsden
Presbyterian Missionary.

The Presbyterian Church of Metlakatla, Alaska.

I. Size: 40x70x18 ft. Lower in middle front: 13x13x110 ft.
Roof $\frac{1}{2}$ pitch. Foundation: Cedar posts and timbers. One main auditorium 40x58 ft.; 5 Sunday School rooms and 1 balcony above the front entrance. Seating capacity 375, but 500 and more can crowd in. Time of building 42 days with 20 skilled and unskilled native carpenters. Builder and designer, Edw. Mordey.

II. The grant asked of the Board of Church Erection is for the following items:

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| 1. Rough and Dressed Lumber 52 686 feet.
Estimate of Metlakatla Commercial Co. | # 1541.72 |
| 2. Church & Plain Windows, some with frosted glass,
Doors, Fixtures, Building Papers etc.,
Estimate of C. B. Williams & Co., Seattle, Wash. | 258.14 |
| 3. Paints including White Lead & Drilled Oil,
Estimate of Pass, Neuter Paint Co., Seattle, Wash. | 202.05 |
| 4. Shingles laid 5 in, 35,000 @ 3 pr m
Estimate of Beaver Falls Shingle Mill, George Inlet, Alaska | 105.00 |
| 5. Nails, Rod Iron, Roofing tin etc.,
Estimate of Seattle Hardware Co., Seattle, Wash. | 127.00 |
| 6. 2 Concrete Stone Chimneys in blocks, ea. 25 ft. high
Estimate of Joseph Tenney, Metlakatla, Alaska | 116.00 |
| 7. 200 Folding Chairs @ 1.75 ea.
Estimate of Standard Furniture Co., Seattle, Wash. | 350.00 |
| 8. Freight, Hire of Boats in Hauling Lumber & Shingles etc. | 300.09 |
| Total. | # 3000.00 |

III. From the Metlakatla Church Organization:

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| 1. 1 Yarn block 164x166 ft. valued at | # 1,000.00 |
| 2. Labor of 20 men at a half wage | 1680.00 |
| 3. Ropes, Tackle, Yards, Roofing Paper &
Lumber for temporary shed | 320.00 |
| | # 3000.00 |
| | # 6000.00 |

The whole cost will be

IV. Other things wanted are as follows:

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| 1. 1 Pulpit Bible. | 2. 200 copies Presbyterian Hymnals (not Chapel use Metlakatla) |
| 3. 200 copies Bibles for ch. & J. use. | 4. 1 Menzies Ch. Bible to weigh 150 or 200 lbs. |
| 5. 2 Cast Iron Air Tight Heating Stoves to burn 2-foot wood. | 6. A small library of 500 or 600 good healthy books for P.S., C.E. & Christian Men and Women's clubs or societies. |

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
AND
VACANCY AND SUPPLY

REV. GEORGE G. BRUCE D. D., CH., JUNEAU, ALASKA
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PRESBYTERY
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JUNEAU, ALASKA
STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

REV. JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D.
GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska,

August 22, 1921.

Mr. William R. Patterson,
Financial Secy. Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Brother:

I am sending you the enclosed papers of Mr. Marsden after submitting them to our Committee. As far as I can see after careful investigation, it is the only plan open to us. The organization at Metlakatla needs the building in order to further the work of the Church and to meet the need for Christian instruction. The present remnant of the old Duncan regime cannot in any way meet the need, and in fact has very little spirituality in it. The Salvation Army was for many years before Mr. Duncan's death ~~the~~ the only influence in the town outside of the Presbyterians, that kept alive any Christian life.

The community is large, and we may expect an attendance of 300 or more at the Sabbath services. This will fill the building as planned by the Trustees. The \$3000 asked in the application will not more than complete the building as planned. We would urge that you will use your influence to secure a speedy action on the part of the Board.

Thanking you for your efforts in behalf of the people of Metlakatla, I am

Sincerely yours,

David Waggoner

9/10/21

Metlakatla, Alaska.

August 30, 1921.

My dear Dr. Patterson: Brother Wagner at Imean has intimated to me in his letter of the 25th inst. that the Board of Church Erection might require that we legally incorporate as a church body in this Territory of Alaska before the Board could grant to us anything, &c. That we can incorporate in a court of law is I think a very possible thing; but sincerely we cannot do it just now, much less can we spare another cent to go to Imean and appear in the District Court and pay both the attorney's and the court fees. I therefore write to ask you, Dr. Patterson, to please fix the matter of our church building here so that either Dr. James H. Condit for the Board of Home Missions, or Rev. David Wagner for the Presbytery of Alaska, will be directly responsible for this new church building till we are able to incorporate later on, and certainly not earlier than the latter part of next November. We are both working and praying for a new church building and we are very happy and much encouraged with the prospect of having it erected during the month of September, next.

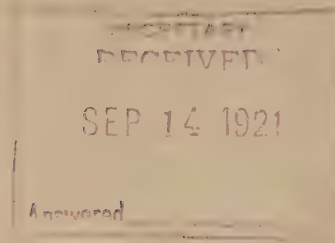
On Sunday last, the 28th, we received four new members on confession of faith, and that makes our number now 175 and every one alive and strong in his faith and Christian life. There are nearly twenty-five persons that have also spoken to our session and we expect them to be received in the regular way later on. This shows to you that this work appeals to the Esquimaux of Metlakatla as no other work does. So we are on our knees almost day and night for a new house of worship! Please, Dr. Patterson, do your best and secure the grant that we have asked for, and also send me word by telegram via Ketchikan, Alaska, whenever favorable action is taken so I can go ahead with the digging of the grounds at once. When I get your telegram I will reimburse the cost of it from New York. Trusting that I may hear favorably from you and with many good wishes, I am

Yours in the Master's work,
Edward Marsden
Presbyterian Missionary

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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Sept. 12, 1921.

METLAKATLA, ALASKA.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D.,
BUILDING.

My dear Dr. Wylie:

Enclosed find application for the church at Metlakatla, Alaska, for a grant of \$3,000. This application is fully endorsed by the Board of Home Missions which is extremely anxious that it will receive the approval of your Board at an early date.

Edward Marsden, who is located at Metlakatla, has supplied me with various maps and papers showing the situation, all of which I have on file subject to your inspection if desired. I am also in receipt of a letter from Rev. Ira Condit, urging us to do something to meet the need of the Metlakatla situation. All of this is submitted for your early consideration.

Very sincerely yours

W. R. Patterson
Financial Secretary.

WRP:MEL.

Sept. 12, 1921.

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Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

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METLAKATLA, ALASKA

October 4, 1921

Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D.,
BUILDING.

My dear Dr. Wylie:

I hand you herewith application for a grant of \$3,000 for a church building at Metlakatla, Alaska. This application was originally filled out by the authorities at Metlakatla but was returned by you for the reason that the church was not incorporated. In view of this situation the Board of Home Missions at its meeting September 29th authorized that this application be made in the name of the Board of Home Missions and said application is sent in that manner.

In view of the urgent need at this point and the encouragement which the Board of Home Missions has given the people of Metlakatla, we are extremely anxious that this grant meet the approval of the Board of Church Erection.

Respectfully submitted

Financial Secretary.

WFW:MML.
Enc.

Metlakatla

OCT 18 1921

Juneau, Alaska, October 5th, 1921.

Dr. W.R. Patterson,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

In coming through Ketchikan, not long since, I met Rev. Edward Marsden, from Metlakatla. He told me that he had wired you regarding the grant for the church building at Metlakatla. The people are anxious to get at the building and need it badly since they are now holding their services in the government school building and the Bureau of Education feels that it is straining a point in housing them there so long.

While I am anxious that this grant should be promptly made I feel that if made it should be safeguarded to the following extent:

First, that it be very clearly specified that the plans be approved by the Board and that said plans be drawn by some competent architect, with specifications.

Secondly, that the erection of the building be under the charge of some competent carpenter other than local talent.

Third, that the expenditure of the money be under the supervision of the Board directly and be not advanced to the field until recommendation has been made either by myself or some other agent of the Board on the field.

These suggestions I make, in confidence, because the people are a native people, and in my judgement need this supervision in justice to the cause. They will be able to furnish very little money but will get out the timbers and furnish a good share of the labor. That will be about the extent of their contribution to the building.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

THE BOARD OF THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND
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156 FIFTH AVENUE.

METLAKATLA ALASKA.
G. 111-21-22

NEW YORK, October 21, 1921

Dr. W. R. Patterson,
Board of Home Missions,
BUILDING.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

In regard to the above indexed application, the Board,
at its meeting held yesterday, deferred action.

The members expressed themselves as interested in this
work in Alaska and would like to have a report from Dr. Moffett in
regard to the field.

I will try and get in touch with Dr. Moffett at the
earliest opportunity.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

David G. Wylie

W/H:

Metlakatla, Alaska.

Oct. 24, 1921.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

It will do us
a whole lot of good just
to know how our plea for
a Church building grant
stands. We made the plea in
Aug. 6 and then later we tele-
graphed an inquiry about it
and still I have not yet
heard a single word from your
office. To keep up the courage
of this people, please let me
hear from you.

Yours very sincerely
Edward Marsden.
Missionary

METLAKATLA, ALASKA.

November 2, 1921.

Rev. Edward Marsden,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marsden:

The negotiations for Metlakatla as carried on with the Board of Church Election have continued until a day or two ago. At that time they came to a final conclusion and I regret to say that they refused us any money whatsoever for Metlakatla. I do not know what the outlook will be a few months later but just at present it is impossible to do anything at all.

I know this will be a great disappointment to you but perhaps it will be some satisfaction to know that we did all in our power to obtain the grant from the board and they have refused us, not because the request was not worthy but because the funds are coming in so slowly that they could not provide the necessary sum for your wishes.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

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METLAKATLA, ALASKA

Nov. 9, 1921.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D.,
BUILDING.

My dear Dr. Wylie:

In response to your request for further information as to Metlakatla, Alaska, I attach hereto copy of a letter from our missionary at Juneau, Dr. David Wagoner. We have every confidence in Dr. Wagoner's statement and that of the presbytery.

The Presbytery of Alaska founded and regularly organized this church under date of October 1st, 1920. Since that date the membership there has been worshipping in the Assembly Hall of the Government school house through the courtesy of the U. S. Bureau of Education. The Government has allowed them the use of the Assembly Hall and three class rooms for Sunday School work for Sunday only. The remaining portion of their work is carried on in private homes, the most of them being held in the home of the pastor.

Relative to the old Duncan church building: we are advised that it is being used by a few of the followers and worshippers of Father Duncan and while it is declared to be common property of all the people of Metlakatla by the Department of the Interior, both the Presbytery of Alaska and the members of our Church feel that it is only in the interest of the Master's Kingdom for the Presbyterian members to force their way into the old building which is slowly rotting on its foundations as it has now been established something like 35 years. It is but a question of time when this edifice will have to be torn down. The congregation there feels that they must erect a more durable and useful structure if it is to go on with the work among its members and the Indians at that point.

Very sincerely yours

The Board of the Church Erection Fund

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
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METLAKATLA ALASKA
G. 111-21-22

NEW YORK, November 18th, 1921.

Dr. W. R. Patterson,
Board of Home Missions,
BUILDING.

Dear Brother:-

The application of the Board of Home Missions for a
grant of \$3,000. Presbyterian Church in Metlakatla, Alaska, for a
~~loan~~ to aid in the erection of a church, was
presented to the Board at a meeting held November 17th, 1921.

The Board voted to make a loan of \$1,000. & grant \$2,000., subject to the following conditions:

1. That the loan will be repaid in 20 years by an annual payment of \$50.
2. That the Deed to the property is in fee-simple, with no restrictions or reversionary features.
3. That the Trustees will secure all the cash needed toward cost of said church, except the Board's appropriation, before asking the Board to pay its appropriation, and will have applied it on the building or improvement.
4. That the Church will, by its authorized Officers, give the Board a first Mortgage to secure the Denomination's funds in the event of alienation of property, abandonment or sale; and to secure the repayment of loan.
5. That the Board's investment in the property shall be protected by a policy of Insurance to be supplied by the Church or to be taken out by the Board, the Church to pay the premiums.

If you will notify me about a month before the money is needed, the necessary blanks, such as Trustee's Certificate and Insurance Survey will be sent you for the Church Officers to fill out and the Mortgage will be sent to the Counsel.

In behalf of the Board, and with best wishes, I am

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Very sincerely yours,



General Secretary.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.HEADQUARTERS
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORKTERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 19, 1921

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Dr. W.R. Patterson,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Patterson:

On the 5th of October I wrote you making certain suggestions relative to the building of a church at Metlakatla

By your letter of July 13th I learn that the matter is in the hands of the Board of Church Erection.

I am writing now to make a supplementary suggestion regarding the oversight of the building enterprise by the Board.

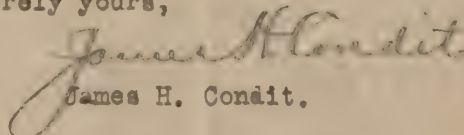
Dr. Marquis is acquainted with the excellent service rendered at Barrow, in the building of the hospital, by Mr. M.A. Brown, a Presbyterian elder of the Green Lake Church of Seattle.

My suggestion is that the Board send him to Metlakatla to have charge of the building enterprise there. I am sure that the Board will realize enough benefit from such an arrangement to compensate for the expense.

As I wrote before the matter will need to be handled diplomatically in order not to offend the Metlakatla people who feel quite competent to handle the whole thing themselves. But they will get much better results if the Board kindly propose to supervise the building on the ground that the Board is furnishing the money. This suggestion can come from the Board in a manner which will not be an affront to Mr. Marsden or his people.

Mr. Marsden is now here in Juneau and is anxious to have some definite word as to the matter. It is not likely that I will have cause to write you again on this subject as before many weeks I take up the new work at Sitka under the Woman's Board. I would be glad to know that an adjustment has been made.

Sincerely yours,


James H. Condit.

Dec. 6, 1921.

METLAKATLA

Rev. Edward Marsden,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marsden:

I recognize that there has been a long delay since your application for the church at Metlakatla. The delay, however, has resulted in the Board of Church Erection granting the sum of \$2,000.00 to you for the erection of a church and offering a loan of \$1,000.00.

I have filed with the Board of Church Erection

- 1 - A copy of your certificate of occupancy,
- 2 - The printed record relative thereto,
- 3 - Map of Annette Islands,
- 4 - Plat of Metlakatla, and
- 5 - Rough diagram of church

I am informed that they will immediately send you the necessary papers for you to execute so that unless there is some difficulty of which I am not at present acquainted, you will receive the sum of \$3,000.00 for this work.

We are just in receipt of a letter from S. Hall Young, telling of his visit and the many good things you are doing. We are very glad to get his report confirming your previous letters and we hope that this sum of money may be used in such a way as to insure the best possible results.

Just at present I cannot state under what regulation the money will be expended; whether the Board of Church Erection will require me, as Custodian of Buildings, to approve plans and work, or what supervision of the work they may require. This, however, is a secondary matter which I am sure we can thrash out at a later date.

Please do not take this as final authority for proceeding with contracts. It is merely the advice to you that the Board of Church Erection has acted and that they will correspond with you at an early date. No further authorization is expressed or implied.

With greetings of the season and best wishes for your
welfare and work, I am

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WRP:MMH.

METLAKATLA

December 6, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:

Dr. Dixon was good enough to show me your letter covering your visit to Metlakatla so I am sure you will be interested in the letter which I have just written Mr. Marsden.

I feel we must be very careful in the use of this money and would be very glad for suggestions from you upon the matter. It may be that you could be of considerable service to Mr. Marsden in planning this improvement and might work out ways and means whereby no possible misunderstanding would arise between the people of Metlakatla and the Board of Church Erection. Above all things: the building just be completed with the money in hand. No other plan or way will be agreeable to this Board.

It pleases us all greatly to hear of the pleasure you are having in Alaska and we rejoice with you that the work is reviving under your leadership in the way that it is.

Greetings of the season and much happiness, even though absent from home and family, is our wish for you.

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WRP:MEL.

(COPY) for information of Home Board.

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ALASKA.

156 FIFTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK, December 7, 1921.

To

Rev. Edward Marsden,
Metlakatla, Alaska.

Dear Brother:

~~In response to your letter of~~

Enclosed please find the following papers to be executed and returned by the ~~Trustees~~ ^{Deacons} of the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church of Metlakatla, Alaska, that they may receive the appropriation for their church building.

1. The Insurance Survey—This should be filled in as accurately as possible, and location indicated upon the diagram. Owing to the extent of its insurance, the Board cannot ordinarily accept policies furnished by the Church, but must procure them itself.

2. The Trustees' Certificate—This is to assure the Board that there will be no debt remaining—direct or indirect—for which the Church is either legally or morally liable. Please state explicitly the condition of the building. Has it been begun? If not, when do you expect to begin building?

The Mortgage—The mortgage to be executed under the direction of the counsel, in accordance with the laws of the State, and duly recorded, ~~is enclosed herewith.~~ ^{Bond for} ~~sent to~~

The Counsel appointed to act in the case is H. L. Faulkner, of Juneau. We hope that he will get in touch with the proper persons to sign the

mortgage, or you will get in touch with him without delay.

When the Bond for Mortgage has been executed and acknowledged, it should be recorded. The money cannot be forwarded until all the above mentioned

papers have been received, giving assurance that subscriptions have all been paid, and that no further debt will be incurred.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

Encl - Bond for Mtge,
Ins'ce Survey,
Trustees' Certif.

Cor. Sec'y.

GW.

To Dr. Patterson - The Bond for Mtge specified that \$2000. was a grant,
and \$1000. a loan to be repaid \$50. per year.

L. J. J. *Edw. Marsden*
Metlakatla, Alaska.

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December 13, 1921.

My dear Dr. Patterson:

I hasten to answer your very kind and welcome letter of the 6th inst. relative to a grant of \$3,000.00 from the Board of Church Erection and to say that your letter has cheered and strengthened us. We can but lift up our hearts in gratitude to God who is ever merciful to us all the time. May His name be honored and glorified and His work go on to the redemption of all the native races of Alaska!

We will abide by your counsel and not try to do anything about the new church building here till we received the help from the Board of Church Erection. Whatever arrangements that may be made regarding your custodianship, &c., will be satisfactory to us. When the proper papers come we shall do our best with them.

Our work is getting on nicely. The number of members is steadily increasing and we now have 180 with over ten at the present wishing to be received. Our Sunday School work is almost larger than we can well take care but we are doing the very best we can under all circumstances.

I am preparing a detailed report of this Metlakatla work to the Board of Home Missions and I hope to send it on sometime before Christmas.

Thanking you again for your very kind and comforting letter, and with many good wishes, I am,

Yours in the Master's work,

Edw. Marsden

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JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska, December 31, 1921

W. R. Patterson, Ph.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Patterson:--

Yours of Dec. 6th concerning the grant to Metlakatla was awaiting me on my arrival here two weeks ago. I was unable to answer sooner as I was on my back with a severe attack of neuritis and unable to get at my files for documents in the case. I am better now--am up and expect to be as well as ever in a few days. Have been under the care of an osteopath doctor and the careful nursing of the Bruces.

I rejoice greatly at the news in your letter that the Board of Church Erection has made a grant of \$2,000 and a loan of \$1,000 to the Metlakatla church. I have seen their plans and application, and had talked them over with Marsden and his officers, and with Revs. Bruce and Waggoner.

I received under date of Dec. 2d a letter from Dr. Condit in which occurs the following paragraph:

"My opinion is that the Board will do well to put the construction work there into the hands of some good carpenter from outside--as for instance the Mr. Brown who built our Barrow hospital--and leave the design in his hands, largely, as well. I have not suggested this to the people of Metlakatla but have so done to Mr. Patterson. I am of the opinion that the Metlakatlans might not take kindly to the suggestion, but I believe it is a wise arrangement, and if it comes from the Board it would doubtless prove acceptable to the people."

Mr. Waggoner, Dr. Bruce and Mr. Falcouer agree with me that this recommendation of Dr. Condit's is unwise. Mr. Marsden and his committee sent outside to experienced architects for their plans. They have been approved by the Committee of Presbytery. There are several expert carpenters at Metlakatla, including Mr. Marsden himself. They have put up buildings at Metlakatla as dif-

Dr. Matterson #2.

ficult and large as the proposed church. They have subscribed all they are able--mostly in rough lumber and labor. An architect from outside would cost at least \$1,000. The Indians would have to raise that much more in money, which they are not able to do. They have figured closely that they will be able to put up the church with this \$3,000, they doing the work. To take the building out of their hands and require of them this extra amount of money would discourage them and might block the work entirely.

My recommendation is this: That the Board direct Rev. David Waggoner, (by wire if necessary) to go to Metlakatla to vise and O.K. the plans and requisitions, remaining long enough to see that the Board's wishes are warried out; that the Indians be allowed to build their church in their own way; that the money be sent to Mr. Waggoner, who is Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery and Chairman of the Church Erection Committee, and disbursed by him.

Mr. Waggoner is a carpenter by trade. He drew up the plans and specifications and built with his own hands, and Indian labor, the churches of Bayview and Klinquan, the manse at Bayview and the Hall and Co-operativd store at Bayview. These are all fine buildings. He is besides a careful business man and his minutes of the Presbytery of Alaska were pronounced the neatest of all those displayed at the Synod.

In my reorganization of the Presbytery of Alaska I shall try to establish direct communication between the Board and the Presbytery in all transactions involving buildings and other property.

The expense of sending Mr. Waggoner to Metlakatla will be about \$35, which should, if possible, be advanced to him.

Wishing you a happy New Year I am

Yours cordially,

L. H. Alloung

METLAKATLA, ALASKA

January 24, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:

Bearing upon the matter of the Metlakatla building I have to advise you that under the rules of the Board of Church Election the papers that are required in order to obtain a grant from that Board must be sent in by the people of Metlakatla. These papers have already gone forward and I suppose are already enroute to New York by this time. This means that the money must be paid over to those signing the papers and your good suggestion as to the handling of these funds cannot be carried out.

I suggest that you confer with Mr. Marsden and others and so far as possible see to it that everything is done properly.

Wishing you full enjoyment of your great Alaska country, and with all good wishes for your welfare,

Very sincerely yours

Financial Secretary.

WRP:MEL.

Inn Metlakatla Alaska

Clipping from the Boston, Mass. Transcript, dated August 12th, 1922.

Rev. Calvin C. Hays, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, who is making the first survey of Alaskan missions ever attempted by a moderator of that denomination recently spent two days at Metlakatla. A sequel of his visit will be the placing of a blazing cross at the top of a new church spire that will serve as a beacon far out at sea. The church will be built by the Metlakatla Indians on Annette Island, 18 miles from Ketchikan, the nearest regular stopping place of steamships passing north and south.

Dr. Hays was accompanied by Rev. S. Hall Young, Red Bank, N. J. superintendent of Presbyterian mission work in Alaska. The visit was the occasion of a great celebration on the part of the Metlakatla Indians, who recently have come over almost en masse to the Presbyterian Church. Following the death of Father Duncan, their original leader and spiritual head, the Christian population became divided in sentiment, the large majority being of the conviction that they should become affiliated with one of the evangelical denominations instead of remaining independent and without a church organization.

Under the leadership of Rev. Edward Marsden, Indian missionary, they were organized into a Presbyterian Church and are erecting a beautiful and commodious house of worship with the assistance of the Presbyterian Board of Church Erection. The pastor himself is the architect and superintendent of construction and all the work is being done by members of the congregation. The congregation has a choir of forty voices and an orchestra of twelve pieces, and is ambitious to have a pipe organ in the new building.

At an elaborate entertainment for Moderator Hays, a reception was held at the Government school house, white settlers and summer visitors were given seats of honor, the natives joined in a feast with the dignitaries and selections from the cantata of "Queen Esther" were rendered by the church choir and orchestra, augmented by the town band, all but two of the members of which are members of the Church. The Presbyterian Choral Society rendered a cantata entitled "The Lord's Anointed."

Moderator Hays is now visiting other Alaskan missions and is expecting to get as far north as Fairbanks.

